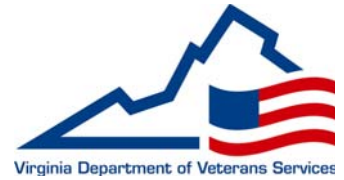


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David and Judy Holt, Lakeview Golf Club recognized for support of Virginia Veterans Wounded Warrior Program

RICHMOND—Virginia Veterans Services Foundation Chairman, Frank Wickersham, recognized David and Judy Holt and the Lakeview Golf Club at the Foundation's December 3, 2008 meeting for their support of the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP). The Holts and the Lakeview Golf Club in Harrisonburg, Va. organized two golf tournaments to raise funds for the VWWP.

Over the July 4, 2008 weekend, more than 400 players, volunteers, and visitors turned out despite daily thunderstorms and other holiday activities. The Club sold nearly 2,000 hotdogs and drinks. These sales, along with cart rentals, generated more than \$5,000 in support of the VWWP.

Shortly after the July 4 event, the Holts and the Lakeview Golf Club began planning for the Inaugural Victory for Vets Tournament to Benefit the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program. Held September 13, 2008, the tournament drew 166 adult players and 16 young juniors along with 79 individual and organizational sponsors. Although the accelerated planning time precluded attracting corporate donors, the tournament had several title sponsors, each contributing between \$1,000 and \$2,500. Title sponsors included Michael Stolfus, President of Dynamic Aviation; Bill Strang, Founder and CEO of Tactical and Survival Strategies, Inc.; Brett Kingstone, President of MaxKing Reality in Orlando, Florida; John Robertson, President of Robertson Marketing Group; and Joe and Debbie Showker, who are private benefactors and involved in DoD programs for veterans rehabilitation services in Harrisonburg, Va.

Every veterans service organization in the Harrisonburg area sent tournament players and were involved in other types of tournament support. The Harrisonburg High School JROTC provided an Honor Guard. A full luncheon was sponsored by State Senator, Mark Obenshain (Lenhart and Obenshain, LLC), where 22 area veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq were hosted. News coverage and

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notices were provided by the *Daily News Record*. Awards and trophies were guaranteed by Titleist, several area golf clubs, the VFW post in Harrisonburg, and Robertson Marketing Group. There were almost 80 event sponsors and Lakeview Golf Club donated the entire course for the tournament. All revenues from green fees, cart rentals, practice balls, refreshments, and other purchases went directly to the VWWP.

The Victory for Vets Benefits Tournament generated more than \$24,000 in cash donations, thereby providing more than \$29,000 in combination with the July 4 event for the new program. The Holts and Lakeview Golf Club have already begun planning for the 2009 Victory for Vets Tournament. The tournament is slated for Friday, August 7, 2009.

The Virginia Wounded Warrior Program was created by 2008 legislation directing the Virginia Department of Veterans Services, in cooperation with the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services, and the Department Rehabilitative Services, to establish a program to coordinate support services for veterans with stress-related and traumatic brain injuries resulting from service in a combat area. VWWP ensures that Virginia veterans, members of the Virginia National Guard, and Virginia residents of the Armed Forces Reserves not in active federal service are provided timely assessment, treatment, and support. The program also supports the family members of these veterans, Guard, and Reserve members.

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